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SUBMISSIONS TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE

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IN VIEW OF THE ANXIETIES THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT SUBMISSIONS TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE OTHER THAN SUBMISSIONS FROM MAIN ORGANISATIONS ACTUALLY ANNEXED TO THE REPORT, WILL NOT BE SENT WITH THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED BUT WILL BE RETAINED IN HONG KONG.

THE SUBMISSIONS NOT ANNEXED TO THE REPORT WILL BE KEPT UNDER SEAL IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE IN HONG KONG UNTIL RATIFICATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION WHICH WILL BE BEFORE 30TH JUNE 1985; AND SUBSEQUENTLY THEY WILL BE DESTROYED.

NO SUBMISSION WILL BE ANNEXED TO THE REPORT AND PUBLISHED IF THE ORGANISATION CONCERNED SO REQUESTS.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY - AUGUST 1984
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - AUGUST 1984, VALUED AT \$285 399 MILLION, INCREASED BY 41 PER CENT OVER TRADE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 42 PER CENT TO \$89 475 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 36 PER CENT TO \$144 485 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 53 PER CENT TO \$51 439 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY 46 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF FIGURES FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1984 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, SHOWED DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY 54 PER CENT IN VALUE.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$5 578 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 512 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 480 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSISTORS AND DIODES (BY \$30 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT) AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$7 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT).

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INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$710 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$406 MILLION OR 289 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$144 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$373 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT) AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$5 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA INCREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$630 MILLION OR 150 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$420 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$231 MILLION OR 141 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY \$79 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$6 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF CLOTHING (BY \$907 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$222 MILLION OR 170 PER CENT) AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF CLOTHING (BY \$534 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT).

DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$3 977 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$2 102 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$919 MILLION OR 201 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$506 MILLION OR 136 PER CENT) AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$406 MILLION OR 114 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 825 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), AND TEXTILES (BY \$1 235 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$20 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT) AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$4 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 046 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$638 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), AND TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$382 MILLION OR 231 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$353 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT), AND MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$63 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

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DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF OFFICE, AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$20 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$143 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$1 244 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT), AS DID IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS FROM SINGAPORE (BY \$906 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$8 425 MILLION OR 129 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$2 987 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$1 192 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$1 116 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$794 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (BY \$433 MILLION OR 85 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$356 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$305 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO NIGERIA (BY \$274 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT) AND PHILIPPINES (BY \$109 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$3 302 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 471 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$1 395 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$1 250 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$96 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD AND AIR-CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$42 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT), AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$30 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

THE AUGUST 1984 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE ON SALE LATER THIS MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1984 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY NOVEMBER, AT HK\$12 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 5-214375).

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO.: 5-444436).

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	40 248	26 057	+14 191	+54
U.K.	6 521	5 213	+ 1 309	+25
CHINA	6 481	3 574	+ 2 907	+81
F.R. OF GERMANY	6 367	4 912	+ 1 456	+30
JAPAN	3 331	2 298	+ 1 033	+45
CANADA	2 998	2 282	+ 716	+31
AUSTRALIA	2 473	1 620	+ 852	+53
SINGAPORE	1 767	1 367	+ 400	+29
NETHERLANDS	1 584	1 227	+ 357	+29
SWITZERLAND	1 296	1 029	+ 267	+26

TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	30 461	21 031	+ 9 430	+45
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS, JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS)	14 189	10 199	+ 3 990	+39

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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	7 684	4 964	+ 2 719	+55
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	6 964	4 812	+ 2 153	+45
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	6 553	5 692	+ 861	+15
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5 853	4 235	+ 1 618	+38

TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

<u>MAJOR SOURCES</u>	<u>JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN.-AUG. 1983 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE (\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
CHINA	36 601	25 214	+11 387	+45
JAPAN	33 438	24 320	+ 9 117	+37
U.S.A.	15 637	12 117	+ 3 521	+29
TAIWAN	11 073	7 647	+ 3 426	+45
SINGAPORE	7 645	6 057	+ 1 588	+26
U.K.	5 827	4 727	+ 1 099	+23
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	4 690	3 021	+ 1 670	+55

F.R. OF GERMANY	2 498	2 868	+ 629	+22
AUSTRALIA	2 266	1 661	+ 605	+36
SWITZERLAND	2 219	1 982	+ 237	+12

TABLE 4 : IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY SECTIONS

COMMODITY SECTIONS	JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	42 618	29 734	+12 885	+43
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	35 662	24 024	+11 638	+48
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	25 030	19 129	+ 5 902	+31
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	13 145	11 626	+ 1 519	+13
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	10 234	7 937	+ 2 296	+29
MINERALS FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	8 247	7 023	+ 1 225	+17

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TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
CHINA	14 953	6 529	+ 8 425	+129
U.S.A.	7 756	4 769	+ 2 987	+ 63
TAIWAN	3 242	2 050	+ 1 192	+ 58
SINGAPORE	3 084	2 791	+ 293	+ 11
JAPAN	2 946	1 830	+ 1 116	+ 61
INDONESIA	2 516	2 606	- 90	- 3
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	2 334	1 540	+ 794	+ 52
MACAU	1 552	1 195	+ 356	+ 30
SAUDI ARABIA	945	910	+ 35	+ 4
AUSTRALIA	944	511	+ 433	+ 85

TABLE 6 : RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	7 903	4 602	+ 3 302	+72
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	5 275	2 804	+ 2 471	+88
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4 186	2 791	+ 1 395	+50

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PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3 205	2 557	+ 648	+25
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	3 060	1 810	+ 1 250	+69
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2 136	1 266	+ 870	+69

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JUNE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES RELEASED

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THE OVERALL JUNE 1984 NOMINAL WAGE INDEX, AT 118.8, SHOWS INCREASES OF 1.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1984 AND OF 8.5 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE JUNE 1983 INDEXES, ACCORDING TO RESULTS PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE JUNE 1984 AND MARCH 1984 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 1.9 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 0.2 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 3.5 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 3.3 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 2.4 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE JUNE 1984 AND JUNE 1983 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 8.6 PER CENT, FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 6.6 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 10.2 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 10.4 PER CENT, AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 9.4 PER CENT.

THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX, AT 96.7 IN JUNE 1984, SHOWS NO CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH THE MARCH 1984 FIGURE, BUT A DECREASE OF 1.1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1983.

A COMPARISON OF THE JUNE 1984 FIGURE WITH THE MARCH 1984 FIGURE, SHOWS THAT THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.2 PER CENT, FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.7 PER CENT, FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 1.6 PER CENT AND FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR BY 0.6 PER CENT, WHILE THAT FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR DECREASED BY 1.5 PER CENT.

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A COMPARISON OF JUNE 1984 WITH JUNE 1983 INDEXES SHOWS THAT THE REAL WAGE INDEX FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT AND FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 0.6 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, THOSE FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR DECLINED BY 0.9 PER CENT, 2.8 PER CENT AND 0.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THESE WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT COVERING BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING WORKERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR.

SUCH INDEXES MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES BY HOLDING THE STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE LABOUR FORCE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SEX AND MODE OF PAYMENT THE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 1982, WHICH IS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEXES.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF WAGES (ALTHOUGH THE SAME DEFLATOR IS USED FOR EACH INDUSTRY TO DERIVE THE REAL WAGE INDEX FROM ITS NOMINAL COUNTERPART, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOVEMENTS OF THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX AND THE REAL WAGE INDEX BETWEEN ANY TWO TIME PERIODS MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRY DUE TO ROUNDING).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE UNIT PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK, AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSIONS AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE.

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IN ADDITION, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES THAT ARE PAID LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY, ARE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT MONTHLY RATE WHEN COMPILING THE WAGE RATE INDEXES.

TOTAL PAYROLL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FROM EMPLOYERS. APART FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASH RECEIPTS, IT ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE.

AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGE RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOL. I, JUNE 1984 WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE VOL. II ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1984.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NOS. 5-455774 OR 5-416062.

TABLE 1 : NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES* (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	JUNE 1983	SEPT 1983	DEC 1983	MAR 1984	JUNE 1984
MANUFACTURING	109.5	110.5	111.6	116.7	118.9
WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	106.8	108.1	109.7	113.6	113.8
TRANSPORT SERVICES	117.7	118.9	119.8	125.3	129.7

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BUSINESS SERVICES	109.0	110.4	110.6	116.5	120.3
PERSONAL SERVICES	106.1	110.7	110.5	113.4	116.1
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ALL SECTORS ABOVE	109.5	110.8	111.9	116.8	118.8
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TABLE 2 : NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES
IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDUSTRY	INDEXES* (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	JUNE 1983	SEPT 1983	DEC 1983	MAR 1984	JUNE 1984
GARMENTS	107.5	108.7	109.5	113.0	114.7
GLOVES	106.8	107.3	109.6	117.6	124.7
HANDBAGS	106.0	106.7	107.4	112.9	114.6
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	111.2	111.1	111.3	118.9	120.0
KNITTING	112.1	112.5	114.5	120.1	123.4
BLEACHING AND DYEING	109.1	110.8	111.7	117.1	119.8
PRINTING	112.8	113.2	112.3	115.7	122.0
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	109.8	111.1	111.9	118.5	121.3
METAL PRODUCTS	110.3	113.0	113.4	118.9	120.1
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	109.3	112.6	115.2	126.1	127.8
ELECTRONICS	110.2	111.5	113.2	119.9	120.9
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	112.3	113.0	113.2	121.2	123.5
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MANUFACTURING	109.5	110.5	111.6	116.7	118.9
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TABLE 3 : REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	* INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	JUNE 1983	SEPT 1983	DEC 1983	MAR 1984	JUNE 1984
MANUFACTURING	97.7	95.5	94.4	96.6	96.8
WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT- EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	95.3	93.4	92.8	94.0	92.6
TRANSPORT SERVICES	105.1	102.8	101.4	103.8	105.6
BUSINESS SERVICES	97.4	95.4	93.6	96.5	93.7
PERSONAL SERVICES	94.7	95.7	93.5	93.9	94.5
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	97.8	95.8	94.7	96.7	96.7

* STARTING FROM THIS ISSUE, WAGE INDEXES ARE PUBLISHED TO 1 DECIMAL PLACE.

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SAFETY MEASURES FOR HYDROFOILS * * *

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IS IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO RAISE THE SAFETY STANDARDS OF HYDROFOILS AND OTHER COMMERCIAL HIGH-SPEED VESSELS WHOSE TRAFFIC NOW TOPS 10 MILLION PASSENGERS A YEAR.

KNOWN AS +DYNAMICALLY SUPPORTED CRAFT+, THESE VESSELS INCLUDE JETFOILS, JETCATS, SIDEWALL HOVERCRAFT OR HOVERFERRIES AND CATAMARAN VESSELS, IN ADDITION TO HYDROFOILS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE IN FORCE BY NEXT JANUARY WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATIONS' CODE OF SAFETY FOR DYNAMICALLY SUPPORTED CRAFT IS INTRODUCED INTO HONG KONG.

THIS CODE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT THESE HIGH-SPEED CRAFT MUST HAVE A SAFETY LEVEL EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF SHIPS COMPLYING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA.

+UNDER THE CODE, ALL ASPECTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND SUPERVISION ARE SPECIFIED. ALSO, RESTRICTIONS ARE PLACED ON THE LENGTH OF THEIR VOYAGE AND THE STATE OF THE SEA IN WHICH THESE CRAFT MAY OPERATE,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

ATTENTION IS BEING FOCUSED ON THE CRAFT PLYING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU, BY FAR THE LONGEST ESTABLISHED AND BUSIEST ROUTE FOR THESE VESSELS.

+EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT ACCIDENTS INVOLVING DYNAMICALLY SUPPORTED CRAFT ARE MORE LIKELY TO OCCUR ON THIS ROUTE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SINCE THE FIRST HYDROFOIL WAS REGISTERED IN HONG KONG IN MARCH 1964, THE HIGH-SPEED CRAFT FLEET SERVING HONG KONG HAS GROWN TO 62 VESSELS, 56 OF THEM REGISTERED OR LICENSED HERE AND THE REMAINING SIX FLYING THE CHINESE FLAG.

TRAFFIC BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU HAD EXPANDED RAPIDLY OVER THE YEARS, FROM 3.1 MILLION PASSENGERS IN 1976 TO 6.8 MILLION LAST YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, ABOUT 3.1 MILLION PASSENGERS TRAVELLED WITHIN HONG KONG WATERS LAST YEAR, AND ANOTHER 600 000 PASSENGERS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE RIVER PORTS OF HUANGPU AND ZUHAI.

+DYNAMICALLY SUPPORTED CRAFT THUS CARRIED A TOTAL OF 10.5 MILLION PASSENGERS LAST YEAR. THIS TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO GROW FURTHER STILL. FOR INSTANCE, IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, THEY CARRIED 3.6 MILLION PASSENGERS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU ALONE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALREADY, THE DEPARTMENT HAS INTRODUCED FURTHER +TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES+ TO DEFINE ROUTES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU TO ENSURE THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF COLLISION IS REDUCED TO THE MINIMUM.

AMONG THE MORE IMPORTANT MEASURES BEING IMPLEMENTED ARE:

- * THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAL STANDARDS FOR ALL CREW MEMBERS.
- * THE SETTING UP OF AN INDEPENDENT RADIO NETWORK TO COMMUNICATE WITH ALL DYNAMICALLY SUPPORTED CRAFT OVER THE ENTIRE ROUTE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND MACAU. THIS WILL BE USED TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF CRAFT DURING THEIR VOYAGE.
- * THE EXTENSION OF STRICTER BRIDGE ROUTINES AND PROCEDURES, NOW IN FORCE FOR NIGHT CREWS, TO DAY-TIME CREWS.
- * STRICT CONTROL OVER WORK HOURS FOR OFFICERS.

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MORE BUILDING PLANS APPROVED
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THE NUMBER OF BUILDING PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN AUGUST INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER THE NUMBER FOR THE TWO PREVIOUS MONTHS.

IN AUGUST, 32 PLANS WERE APPROVED, COMPARED WITH 30 IN JULY AND 28 IN JUNE.

THEY INCLUDED NINE 27-STOREY APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL BLOCKS AT TAI KOO SHING, EIGHT APARTMENT BLOCKS RANGING FROM 22 TO 33 STOREYS FOR THE KORNHILL DEVELOPMENT, TWO ELECTRICITY SUB-STATIONS FOR THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED, A RAMP AND TRANSFORMER ROOM FOR THE MATILDA HOSPITAL AND TWO FACTORY-GODOWN BLOCKS IN SHA TIN.

NINE OF THE PLANS WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE IN KOWLOON AND 18 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 27 PROJECTS. ELEVEN OF THEM WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE IN KOWLOON AND THE REST IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED A SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE IN WAN CHAI, TRAINING CENTRE IN TAI PO, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK IN KWAI CHUNG AND A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING ON HEI LING CHAU.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA FOR THESE 27 PROJECTS WAS 95 581 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 60 852 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR NON-DOMESTIC AND THE REMAINDER FOR DOMESTIC USE.

THIRTY-EIGHT OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS DURING THE MONTH.

THEY INCLUDED AN APARTMENT AT BROADWOOD ROAD, A COMMERCIAL-OFFICE BUILDING AT NATHAN ROAD, A HOTEL AT WOOSUNG STREET, A SCHOOL IN TUEN MUN AND A WORKSHOP IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE FLOOR AREA FOR ALL NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN AUGUST TOTALLED 131 565 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 73 844 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR NON-DOMESTIC AND THE REST FOR DOMESTIC USE.

THE COST OF THESE BUILDINGS WAS ABOUT \$520.3 MILLION.

IN THE SAME MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ISSUED 11 DEMOLITION ORDERS IN RESPECT OF 18 BUILDINGS.

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LABOUR RELATIONS COURSES OVERSUBSCRIBED

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THE CERTIFICATE COURSES ON LABOUR RELATIONS ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN HEAVILY OVERSUBSCRIBED, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE COURSES, WHICH WILL START TOMORROW (MONDAY), ARE DESIGNED FOR EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT STAFF, TRADE UNION OFFICIALS AND INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES.

EACH OF THE COURSES WILL COMPRISE EIGHT SESSIONS AND WILL COVER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AN ADDITIONAL CLASS HAD TO BE OPENED BECAUSE OF THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE.

+ALTHOUGH WE HAVE TAKEN IN A LOT MORE PEOPLE THAN WE EXPECTED, THERE ARE STILL QUITE A NUMBER WHO HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT,+ HE ADDED.

CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED ONLY TO PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED ALL SESSIONS.

FURTHER DETAILS AND ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT ON 5-291709.

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LANDS AND WORKS GROUP HOLDS SWIMMING GALA

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THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS HELD ITS SECOND SWIMMING GALA AT THE ABERDEEN SWIMMING POOL TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE GALA ATTRACTED ABOUT 800 ENTRIES IN 45 EVENTS.

EIGHT OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL RELAY EVENTS.

SPEAKING AT THE GATHERING, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, DR NICKY CHAN, SAID IT NEEDED CLOSE COOPERATION AMONG THE GROUP'S DEPARTMENTS.

HE ADDED THAT INFORMAL GATHERINGS OF THIS NATURE WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENTS TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND WOULD HELP RAISE THEIR EFFICIENCY.

AT THE END OF THE GALA, PRIZES WERE PRESENTED TO WINNERS BY DR CHAN, MRS CHAN, AND DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

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STALLS AT NEW MARKET FOR LEASE
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TWO COOKED FOOD STALLS AND TWO FRUIT STALLS AT THE NEW WO YI HOP ROAD MARKET WILL BE PUT UP FOR LEASE BY AUCTION ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 19).

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL, LAI FONG STREET, KWAI CHUNG, STARTING AT 10 AM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENT IS \$6 000 EACH FOR THE COOKED FOOD STALLS AND \$1 800 EACH FOR THE FRUIT STALLS.

THE LEASES ARE FOR THREE YEARS, EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 1, AND THE RENT IS PAYABLE QUARTERLY.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON 0-253624.

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MORE OPEN SPACES TO BE BUILT
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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO OPEN SPACES, ONE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE OTHER IN SHA TIN.

THE SPACE ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL OCCUPY 320 SQUARE METRES IN HOLLYWOOD ROAD OPPOSITE MAN MO TEMPLE.

IT WILL HAVE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING A SWING, A SPIRAL SLIDE, SPRING TWIN-RIDERS AND SAFETY MATTING.

THERE WILL ALSO BE BENCHES BELOW AN ARBOUR, FLOWERBEDS, A SMALL STOREROOM AND TOILETS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY APRIL NEXT YEAR.

THE OTHER WILL BE CONSTRUCTED NEAR SIU LEK YUEN ROAD IN SHA TIN AND WILL SERVE RESIDENTS OF NEARBY HOUSING ESTATES AND THE YUEN CHAU KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AS WELL AS THOSE WORKING IN A NEARBY INDUSTRIAL AREA.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED ON THE 9 000-SQUARE-METRE SITE INCLUDE A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, A FULLY-EQUIPPED CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, A SITTING-OUT AREA AND A STOREROOM.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS PLEDGED A \$2 MILLION DONATION TOWARDS THE COST OF THIS PROJECT, WORK ON WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND TAKE EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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RESIDENTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 35 WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF THEIR TALENT AT THE KWUN TONG YOUTH SINGING CONTEST NEXT MONTH.

THE AIM OF THE CONTEST IS TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID.

THE CONTEST WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS, FOR SOLOISTS AND GROUPS. PARTICIPANTS MAY SELECT SONGS FROM A LIST PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISERS, OR MAY USE THEIR OWN MATERIAL, WHICH MUST FOLLOW THE THEME OF THE COMPETITION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INVITATIONAL SINGING CONTEST FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM THE 13 AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PRELIMINARIES WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 17 AND 18 AND THE GRAND FINAL ON NOVEMBER 24, IN THE KEI-CHI SECONDARY SCHOOL.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ALL ITS SUB-OFFICES, THE KWUN TONG MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, AND THE ICAC FOO YUE OFFICE.

FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 2. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CONTEST CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 3-423431.

THE KWUN TONG YOUTH SINGING CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, THE ICAC FOO YUE OFFICE AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

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ROADWORKS AT WAN CHAI RECLAMATION

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT A SERIES OF ROADWORKS AT THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE FLYOVERS, A NEW GROUND-LEVEL ROAD ALONG THE SEAFRONT AND AN EXTENSION OF HUNG HING ROAD.

THE FLYOVERS WILL PROVIDE GRADE-SEPARATED ACCESS BETWEEN FENWICK PIER STREET AND HARCOURT ROAD, BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND TONNOCHY ROAD, AND BETWEEN HUNG HING ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

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FIVE NEW FOOTBRIDGES - AT FENWICK PIER STREET, TONNOCHY ROAD, WAN SHING STREET, WAN CHAI FERRY PIER AND THE NEW SEAFRONT ROAD - WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

THE FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER AND THE EXISTING GROUND-LEVEL ROADS BELOW IT WILL BE MODIFIED.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROJECTS CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 11.

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TAPS OFF IN WESTERN
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO WESTERN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 17) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT 360-506 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, 3-67 POK FU LAM ROAD, 120-142 AND 125-149 SECOND STREET, 129-179 AND 132-222 THIRD STREET, AND 1-21 AND 4-10 WATER STREET.

IT WILL ALSO AFFECT PREMISES ON HILL ROAD, YU ON TERRACE, WOO HOP STREET, SOUTH LANE, CHUNG SHING STREET, CLARENCE TERRACE, PO TUCK STREET, YUK MING STREET, YAU YEE LANE, KUI YAN LANE, KWONG FUNG LANE, KWONG FUNG TERRACE, YUK SAU LANE, ROSE LANE, SAM TO LANE AND TAM LANE.

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